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SUBJECT: SECVISIT: PRESS STATEMENTS

1. FOLLOWING ARE SECRETARY'S ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ASKED BY SOVIET TELEVISION REPORTER INSIDE VIP BUILDING AT VNUKOVO II AIRPORT JUST BEFORE DEPARTURE AT 0900 OCT 27.

Q. MR. SECRETARY, YOU HAVE JUST MET THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY LEONID BREZHNEV. YOU HAD VERY IMPORTANT TALKS HERE IN MOSCOW. HOW WOULD YOU EVALUATE THESE TALKS?

A. I WOULD EVALUATE THESE TALKS VERY POSITIVELY. I AM WELL SATISFIED WITH THE TALKS AND I THINK GOOD PROGRESS WAS MADE.

Q. HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE PROSPECTS OF AMERICAN-SOVIET RELATIONS?

A. I THINK AMERICAN-SOVIET RELATIONS ARE GOOD, AND THEY WILL IMPROVE IN THE MONTHS AHEAD. OUR ADMINISTRATION IS DEDICATED TO CONTINUALLY IMPROVING THESE RELATIONS, AND I HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THIS IS TRUE OF THE SOVIET
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LEADERSHIP AS WELL.

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Q. WHAT DO YOU EXPECT OF THE FORTHCOMING SUMMIT MEETING IN THE VICINITY OF VLADIVOSTOK?

A. I BELIEVE THAT FIRST OF ALL, PRESIDENT FORD AND THE GENERAL SECRETARY WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET ACQUAINTED AND EXCHANGE IDEAS ON ALL OUTSTANDING INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. AND I ALSO EXPECT THAT SOME CONCRETE PROGRESS WILL BE MADE ON A NUMBER OF THE ITEMS BEFORE THE TWO COUNTRIES.

Q. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. SECRETARY. HAPPY JOURNEY TO YOU.

2. FOLLOWING IS THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT TO NEWSMEN STANDING OUTSIDE THE VIP BUILDING AT VNUKOVO II AIRPORT AFTER THE ABOVE INTERVIEW:

QTE: I WANT TO SAY THAT THE TALKS WERE VERY WIDE-RANGING, COVERING ALL THE ISSUES IN SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. I'M WELL SATISFIED WITH THE OUTCOME OF THE TALKS AND I THINK GOOD PROGRESS WAS MADE ON THE ISSUES WHICH WE DISCUSSED. THANK YOU. END QTE.
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